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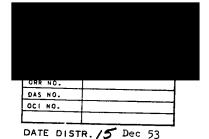
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- During the past wook \( \sum\_{28} \) Oct = 3 Nov 53\( \sum\_{65} \) 65,620 bags of coffee were experted to US Pacific Coast, East Coast and Gulf Ports, and to Canada. From the interior 69,210 bags moved down into port and stocks now total 57,352 bags.
- Heavy rains continue and the condition of the highway has been considerably impaired, however, the normal flow of traffic has not been afforted. The railroad so far has given satisfactory service (though there was a traffic interruption of 12 hours on the railroad between Cali and Buenaventura on 2 Nov 53). Movement from interior to port remains normal and since warehouse conditions are excellent, stock reception at the port is very good.

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- 5. During the week /4 10 Nov 637 eight ships called and lifted 65,906 bags of coffee for US Pacific, GulT and East Coast ports, as well as Europe. From the interior 66,349 bags moved down into port and stocks now total 60,010 bags.
- Export warehouses remain less than 60% full and there have been no delays in the discharge of boxcars and trucks. According to reports from Medellin, there is scute congestion at Puerto Berrio and as a result a larger portion of the November commitments for that area will be shipped through Buenaventura in preference to Barranquilla. Heavy rains continue but have not retarded to any great extent port operations and transport services between the port and Cali.

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